

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 25-31 are pending. Claims 27-31 are new claims. Applicant withdraws the cancellation of claims including in the reply of 30 August 2006.

**35 U.S.C. § 103(a):**

Claims 1, 3-4, 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,474,920 ("Lin '920").

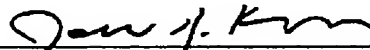
It is submitted that Lin '920 does not disclose an elongate threaded coupling member as presently claimed

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the pending claims and arguments. Applicant respectfully submits that, as amended, the subject application is in condition for allowance, and allowance thereof is kindly requested. Should the Examiner wish to discuss these claims further, or should an Examiner's Amendment be needed in order for the claims to proceed to allowance, the Examiner is invited to direct any questions regarding this application to John Klos at (612) 321-2806.

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